



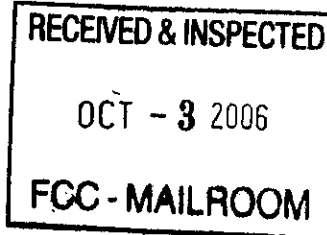
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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Constance B. White, Director *(signature)*
Casey J. Coleman, Interim Manager, Telecommunications *CJC*
Clair Oman, Utility Analyst *CO*

Re: Utah Docket No. 06-999-04, In the Matter of State Certification of Rural Carriers' Compliance with 47 U.S.C Section 254(e)

CC Docket No. 96-45, In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service

Annual State Certification Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314

ISSUE:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Paragraph 54.314, the Public Service Commission (Commission) is required to certify that all rural carriers within its jurisdiction will use federal USF "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended"¹, as required by 47 U.S.C 254(e). This certification may be in the form of a letter to the FCC regarding the carriers' compliance and is due to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) by October 1, 2004.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consistent with the Division's prior year recommendation, the Division recommends the Commission support Utah's rural incumbent local exchange carriers' (companies) requests for certification of eligibility to receive federal high-cost support by submitting a timely certification

¹ See Rural Task Force Recommendation at 38-39.

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letter to the FCC and USAC. Exceptions to this certification are CenturyTel of Eagle Inc. (CenturyTel), Farmers Telephone Company (Farmers), and Albion Telephone Company (Albion) as described below. The Division also recommends the Commission forward Western Wireless's self-certification letter to the FCC. A draft letter has been provided as an attachment to this memo.

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BACKGROUND

Exceptions to Certification:

CenturyTel provides local exchange service to approximately 6 to 8 Utah customers on the border of Colorado via facilities located in Colorado. Farmers provides local exchange service to approximately 8 Utah customers on the border of Colorado via facilities located in Colorado. Albion provides local exchange service to approximately 27 Utah customers on the border of Idaho via facilities located in Idaho. All ratemaking procedures for these companies have historically been deferred to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission or Idaho Public Utilities Commission accordingly.

Due to this Commission's limited oversight, the Division recommends the certification for CenturyTel, Farmers, and Albion defer to Colorado and Idaho consistent with the ratemaking process for these companies.

Certification:

As of September 22, 2005, The Commission has received a self-certification letter from each of the following companies:

All West Communications, Inc. (502288)
Bear Lake Communications, Inc. (503032)
Beehive Telephone Company, Inc. (502284)
Carbon Emery Telecom (502278)
Central Utah Telephone, Inc. (502277)
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah (504429)
Direct Communications Cedar Valley (500758)

Emery Telecom (502278)
Gunnison Telephone Company (502279)
Hanksville Telecom (502278)
Manti Telephone Company (502282)
Navajo Communications Company (504449)
Skyline Telecom (502283)
South Central Telephone Association (502286)
UBTA Communications (502287 -- includes UBET Telecom, Inc.)
Union Telephone Company (512297 -- Utah segment only)

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Ms. Julie Orchard
Commission Secretary
160 East 300 South, 4th Floor
Salt Lake City, UT 84145

Re: Self-Certification of Eligibility to Receive Federal Universal Service Support by WWC Holding Co., Inc., a subsidiary of Alltel Communications, Inc. (formerly Western Wireless Corporation) – in Compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314

Dear Ms Orchard:

Please find enclosed an original plus five (5) copies of WWC Holding Co., Inc.'s (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alltel Communications, Inc.) ("Alltel") annual ETC certification affidavit. Please return a date-stamped copy of the filing in the stamped, self-addressed envelope that is included.


WWC Holding Co., Inc., a commercial mobile radio service provider, respectfully certifies to the Utah Public Service Commission that it will use all federal universal service support for the following calendar year (2007) for the purposes intended by federal law pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314, i.e., "the provision, maintenance and upgrading" of facilities for which the support is intended.

The Utah Public Service Commission designated WWC Holding Co., Inc. a competitive eligible telecommunications carrier for purposes of receiving federal universal service support in the non-rural telephone company exchanges of Qwest in Docket No. 98-2216-01 dated July 20, 2000. To date, WWCC Holding Co. Inc. has not received a study area code (SAC) from USAC. At such time that WWC Holding Co. Inc. receives a SAC from the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), the Company will notify the Utah Public Service Commission.

WWC Holding Co., Inc. believes that the self-certification process will permit the Utah Public Service Commission to efficiently and accurately make the necessary certification to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company by October 1, 2005.

Please find attached the self-certification Affidavit.

Sincerely,


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Regulatory Counsel